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Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument Dripping Springs Natural Area 2014 Summer Series: July 25th-August 23 Schedule

Friday- July 25, 2014

7:30 PM Photography Workshop/Stroll (meet at La Cueva Trail head - picnic area) - *Nature Through a Lens*. Find the perfect picture moments at sunset, learn about nature photography and take pictures in the photogenic Organ Mountains.

Saturday - July 26, 2014

9:00 AM Educational Program: Desert Safety (meet at Visitor Center) a program about how to stay safe and healthy while being in the desert - 30 minute duration.

6:30 PM Living History/Guided Hike (meet at Visitor Center)- *Characters of the Past*- Explore the history of the area and meet historical characters of its past. Hike with a guide up Dripping Springs Trail and stop to hear stories from long ago. Expected duration 2.5 hours - 3 miles of moderate to easy hiking.

Friday - August 1, 2014

6:00 PM Guided Hike (meet at Visitor Center) *History of Dripping Springs*: Guided hike up to Dripping Springs ruins - 3 miles, moderate to easy hike, about 2.5 hours duration.

Saturday - August 2, 2014

9:00 AM Guided Hike: Mining in the Organs- (meet at Visitor Center) Guided hike up Fillmore Canyon -2.5 miles, moderate to easy hike about 2 hours duration.

10:00 AM 30 minute Education Program (meet at Visitor Center) - *Lizards*. An interactive program about lizards in the area.



A \$5.00 vehicle pass will apply (except for those who have the Golden Age, Access, America the Beautiful or the LCDO Recreation Pass).

No extra fee will be charged for the programs.

The Dripping Springs Natural Area is located 10 miles east of Las Cruces, on the west side of the Organ Mountains. From Exit 1 on Interstate 25, take University Avenue/Dripping Springs Road to the end where there is a parking lot.

For further information, call McKinney Briske at BLM's office at 575-525-4334.

Friday - August 8, 2014

6:00 PM Guided Hike (meet at Visitor Center) - *Archaeology of La Cueva* Guided Hike up to La Cueva -2 miles, moderate to easy hike about 1.5 hours duration.

8:00 PM Evening Program: Night Sky Program - (meet at La Cueva picnic area group use site) Program for gazing at the stars and learning about our solar system.

Saturday - August 9, 2014

9:00 AM Guided Hike: Mining in the Organs- (meet at Visitor Center) Guided hike up Fillmore Canyon -2.5 miles, moderate to easy hike about 2 hours duration.

7:00 PM Evening Program (meet at Visitor Center)- *Scorpion Research*. A program at the visitor center by visiting scientists about scorpion and grasshopper mice research. End the evening with a scorpion hunt around the visitor center.

Friday - August 15, 2014

6:00 PM Fitness Hike: Exercise in the Mountains- (meet at La Cueva Trail Head) Guided hike up La Cueva to Fillmore Canyon -2.0 miles, with exercises along the way. Medium to strenuous workout - bring water, wear appropriate workout clothes.

Saturday - August 23, 2014

9:00 AM Guided Hike (meet at Visitor Center) - *Nature Along the Trail*: Guided Hike to La Cueva trail and learn about the unique nature of the area. 2 miles, moderate to easy hike about 1.5 hours duration.

7:00 PM Photography Workshop/Stroll (meet at La Cueva Trail head - picnic area) - *Nature Through a Lens*. Find the perfect picture moments at sunset, learn about nature photography and take

